



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

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We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of the invention entitled "ASSEMBLY FOR THE HINGED CONNECTION OF A REAR VIEW MIRROR," as amended by the preliminary amendment of February 4, 2004; and we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of said invention, which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of patent application Serial No. 10/772,158, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 4, 2004.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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